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ENGLANDS SHAME:  
OR THE  
UNMASKING  
OF A  
Politick Atheist :

Being a Full and Faithful Re-  
lation of the LIFE and DEATH  
of that Grand Impostor

HUGH PETERS.

Wherein is set forth his whole Com-  
portment, Policies, and Principles  
exercised from the Ingress, in the  
Progress, and to the Egress  
of his Unhappy Life.

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TO  
Her most Excellent Majesty

HENRIETTA MARIA,

The Mother Queen of  
*England, Scotland, France*  
*and Ireland.*

May it please your Majesty,

TO revive the  
eternized and  
blessed Memo-  
ry of your Royal Hus-  
band and our now glori-  
fied King, who lies em-  
balmed with the me-  
rits and blood of his  
undoubted Saviour

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## The Epistle

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*and Redeemer, by such  
an incomp't and unwor-  
thy pen as mine is,  
were cause sufficient  
to pull down the high  
displeasure of your  
Royal Majesty upon  
my self, and such pre-  
sumptuous ones : But  
I do with all humility,  
supplicate your Ma-  
jesties goodness and  
vertues, graciously to  
pardon this sinful  
boldnes.*



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## Dedictory.

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*boldness of him who  
desires onely to imbel-  
lish and set forth the  
unspotted innocence  
and admired patience  
of so divine a Martyr  
as he was ; and with  
faithfulness and cou-  
rage ( maugre all  
dangers ) to embla-  
zen out the shame and  
malice of his undeser-  
ved Enemies : So will  
my continual and in-*

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## The Epistle, &c.

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*expressible sufferings  
for his sake and inte-  
rest be sweetned, my  
losses be repaired, and  
my services sufficiently  
rewarded: they being  
but so many monu-  
ments of duties per-  
formed, and eviden-  
ces of my incessant de-  
sires and studies by all  
means to explicate my  
self*

Your Majesties most humble  
and obedient servant,

W. Yonge.

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To the impartial  
READER.

*Courteous Reader,*

**S**INCE the *Imprimatur*  
to this Book and  
the greatest part  
thereof was composed  
and printed, I under-  
stood of a Pamphlet for-  
merly published in com-  
mendation of this tri-  
umphant Enemy over  
the Church and State,  
( *tam moribus quam doctri-  
nâ* ) magnifying him  
for his virtues Moral

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and Theological. In our small acquaintance, I did observe him so well in these and all other his actions, that I knew him *intus & in cute*; therefore do attest, that I ever found him barren therein; onely a form of them he observed, and that very covertly, which I espied thus; he could not patiently behold the faces of poor Beggars, but would answer their piteous and piercing cries for almes or relief, with  
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To the Reader.

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unbeseeming threats of  
stocking and whipping  
them : *O admiranda cha-  
ritas !* He was invective  
against Drunkards and  
drunkenness, forgetting  
the old Proverb, *Loripe-  
dem rectus derideat, æthiopem  
albus* : to pull out his  
own moat, before he  
intermeddle with the  
beam of his brothers  
eye : for though he dis-  
sembled temperance, he  
would drink plentiful-  
ly of Sack or Strong  
beer, provided it might  
be done in private and  
*gratis* ;

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To the Reader.

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*gratis* ; for once I found him tripping in this virtue thus.

After he with another of his acquaintance had drank off several Tankards of *March Beer*, and that at single hand in his own Chamber, a Gentleman coming in to visit him, he fell out into an unexpected passion, and would have beaten the Gentleman, (though a Justice of the Peace of his own stamp and coining) had not I interposed my self, and interceded

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ded between them :  
Then as one Maudlin-  
drunk weeps, cryes, and  
prays, then calling for  
the other Tankard, be-  
comes reconciled, ( and  
then to bed mother) cry-  
ing out the next day, that  
he did swim in his Bed  
all that night. I have  
often prevailed with  
him to write Letters of  
favour for distressed peo-  
ple, to his selected  
Friends, *Sir Henry Vane*,  
*Cromwel*, *Ireton*, *Lenthal*,  
*Salaway*, *Harrison*, &c.  
but all proved ineffectu-  
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*To the Reader.*

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al, for that their secret Compact was onely to receive Letters in a friendly manner, but not to proceed further by them; by which subtilty they became lodged in the affections and expectations of most people.

For his Qualifications in other commendable parts, both Divine and Natural, the ensuing Treatise will sufficiently inform thee; the sum of which, is only his own Relation, and my Obser-



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Observation of his intricate proceedings, not easily discernable, especially by those who depended upon his Flatteries, or such as were transported with zeal, that might rather be accounted madness than sound Religion.

I have herein been carefull to avoid reports taken upon trust for that *fama mendax* ; and I had read many things of him, of which he was ignorant. I confess, I could have furnished thee

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thee with many Comical Expressions of his, uttered in publike in the Pulpit, and privately in Civil Societies ; but I was importuned only to a sober and faithful Discourse of him, thereby as well to satisfie many who out of ignorance and dotage on him, and his delusives, did, and still do admire and idolize his Name and Fame; As also, to vindicate my self in performing my duty to God, my King, Church, and Country ;  
thereby

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*To the Reader,*

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thereby setting forth  
Gods Justice, and my  
own detestation of con-  
cealing so execrable a  
sin and sinner. If it  
fail thy expectation,  
know that it was pen-  
ned at some few spare  
hours in a fortnights re-  
tirement into the Coun-  
try, where I was depri-  
ved of all Books, and o-  
ther convenient Helps  
for a work of this Na-  
ture. Take therefore in  
good part what thou li-  
kest, and leave the im-  
perfections to me, for  
they

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*To the Reader.*

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they are mine, and I am  
thine,

*In all Friendly Offices,*

WILLIAM YONGE.

*Wit was his life, then it was  
fit,  
Death should succeed th' end-  
ing of's Wit.*



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AUTHORS  
APOLOGIE.

**I** Have in this Task undertaken one that hath overtaken many ; Vas ignominia, a contemptible fellow, a Machivilian, one that would pretend love, but intend mischief ; his chieftest amity, was but dissembled enmity, having words as soft as butter, or oyl, yet the poison of Asps was under his  
B Tongue,

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Tongue ; For his Ave did  
threaten a vœ, which I ever  
warded off by minding So-  
lomons Cave, Though he  
speak favourably, beleeve  
him not, PROV. 26. 25. in  
seeking to finde him out, I  
had almost lost my self; as  
I have lost my means there-  
by some years since; and  
though no man remembreth  
the afflictions of Joseph,  
or the burden of Ephra-  
im, yet in the midst of my  
unhappy Solitudes, I minde  
that Divine Cordial;

Amos 6 6.

Mens mea ne tristes  
Christus

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Christus tibi cuncta  
ministrat.

Munera quæ vitæ fune-  
ra quæquæ levant.

To be left remediless, and  
assigned over as a Spectacle  
for Derision, or a By-word  
to all Regicides, would set a  
stop to true Loyalty, and  
urge a true Subject rather  
with Stilpo to set his fin-  
ger on his lips, and seal them  
up to silence, than like At-  
las to bring the World a-  
bout his ears; a Reprobate  
to true Allegiance might soon  
yeeld to Temptations, to co-  
ver the most horrid of Treas-

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• 1 Pet. 2. 13.

sons ; but the Oath of God, Eccles. 8. 2. and those heavenly Appeals from the innocent blood of my Martyred King sounding in my ears, and commanding me instrumentally to set forth his unspotted innocence by bringing this his most pernicious Leach to a condign punishment, extirpate an Incendiary, that thirsted for the destruction of the King, Country, Church, and People, and satiate himself with innocent blood, masking all with the Vizard of Religion.

I have often seen those sad  
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*Extasies, and heard those direful expressions uttered by this Regicide, and that frequently upon the apprehensions of wrath and shame due for that infernal Conspiracy of his, crying out, That he was innocent of spilling the Kings blood, when there were no discourses which could mind him of his Murther used by me or any present; but forced thereby by the dreadful dictates of an accusing conscience, he would thus trumpet out his own shame and ruin. S. Bernard saith, Tutâ consci-*

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entia præstari possunt,  
quæ propter conscientiam  
præstanda sunt, That  
may be done with a safe con-  
science, that is to be done for  
conscience sake.

Then when the Word of  
God, the cryes of innocent  
blood, Loyalty, his Countries  
ruine, the tears of his Mo-  
ther the Church, and a mans  
own conscience do all unani-  
mously awaken him to a ne-  
cessitated duty that lies in-  
cumbent upon him, nay him  
alone and none other but he,  
and to falter in the perfor-  
mance of it, were to season  
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the peace of his conscience with such corrosives as this Impostor had ; nay to be his co-heir of hell and hellish fears : Who but a damned Reprobate could resist , or sit down in silence ?

These impulsive causes gave me encouragement to act what I have acted, and do rest so well satisfied in what is done, that instead of growing reluctant, I do cordially joy in this, that providence should select me to be the Agitator : neither shall it repent me, that I was the first that objected this Trea-

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son to his charge in the Parliament, as Judge Terril can testifie.

Many hard sentences have passed on me, and I am daily reproached for it, and branded with names of ignominie.

To reward good with evil is divellish, the Prophets were so, the Apostles so, nay, our Saviour was so rewarded: Why then shall I grudge to drink of that cup of which the Son of God, and the sons of God have plentifully drank: It is an honor to me, that I am cloathed with disho-

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dishonor, for honouring the  
memory of my unparallel'd  
Prince; quitting my Coun-  
try of such a firebrand, and  
setting an end to the Church-  
es sorrows, who laboured to  
be delivered of such a false  
Conception and horrid Viper,  
quasi vi parens, that did  
eat out her bowels: Neither  
Ishmaels tongue, Achans  
Wedge, nor Nebuchad-  
nezzars menaces, should  
stop up my mouth, frighten  
my spirit, or restrain my  
conscience from giving Tray-  
tors their due benevolence,  
and to stigmatize them as I  
have

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have done this false Prophet;  
nay, you shall as soon per-  
swade old Eleazer to eat  
swines flesh, limn the water,  
write on dust, and my five  
fingers to grow of one length  
as to make me guilty of con-  
cealing Treason against the  
person, parts or power of  
that Holy and Anointed of  
the Lord, my dread Sove-  
raign:

Let Satan cry, I will de-  
ter thee, the world cry, I  
will forsake thee, and the  
wicked cry, we will allure  
thee; I will rest upon this,  
Hominis invidia, non  
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nocet ubi Deus amat,  
Envy cannot injure him that  
God loves ; My Loyalty will  
crown me, my Magnanimi-  
ty will support me, and my  
conscience, which is mille  
testes, a thousand witnesses,  
will satisfie me of well-do-  
ing. Sola sufficit pietas  
Religion is my portion, and  
I am thereby invited, encour-  
aged and supported in yield-  
ing both active and passive  
obedience to that potestas  
supereminens à Deo or-  
dinata, that supreme pow-  
er, established or decreed by  
God alone ; My King, my  
Country

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*Country, the Church, and my own conscience, et absque, hac neque mens, neque vires, neque eventus, Neither knowledge will, nor good successe.*

*What honour is it for a man to be a famous Rebelle, a learned Heretick, or an uncharitable Christian? as much as to have the species of a man, without the similitude of God; to be a painted Sepulcher, or Gods foole, Luke 21. Virtus in se lucida, sed inter malos lucidior, Vertue of it selfe is amiable, but*



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but more splendent amongst  
vicious persons ; like a Di-  
amond set in jet. As Noahs  
perfection was more and  
more amiable, by how much  
more vile the world was :  
He that will preserve a good  
Memorial to posterity , must  
live well : Diu vivere ,  
est bene vivere ; To live  
long, is to live well ; that  
his name and fame may  
smell like sweet Spices in  
the braying. For it is  
commonly true, Qualis vi-  
ta, finis ita ; as a mans  
life is, such is his end, as in  
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this, diliro sene, mopish old man, who had spent his Sixty three years of living so slavishly, as if he delighted as well in his life time, as he did at his death ululare inter Lupos, to howle amongst Wolves.

But why do I stir up his ashes? Molliter ossa cubent, Let his bones rest in peace, saith the heathen; yet in that heaven hath not thought him worthy of a Funeral, in memory of our small acquaintance, I shall set forth his  
Life,

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*Life, as a patern of, but  
not for Rebellion ; for that  
needs none in this our Iland ;  
Proh hominum fidem !  
O the fidelity of men !*

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**B**E it that it is an Aphorism upon Divine Record, *The name of the wicked shall rot.* *Quia indignus est amore & favore Dei,* being unworthy of the love or account of God, yet succeeding Ages have continued a Registry of  
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the actions of *Julian* the Apostate, *Judas* the Traitor, and *Novatus* the Heretick; all which if lost, they might again be revived in the storie of this *Levite*, the son of a *Levite*, who being but an *Ignis fatuus*, a vapour, was carried through our Horizon like a moveable Star, either *Jupiter* or *Mars* superintendent Orbs; rather *Saturn* or *Mercury*, as the sequel proves, but at the best but a blazing Comet which was soon shot, and his light went out like a snuff; *Sic redit in nihilum, quod fuit ante nihil*; Thus he that was nothing, became worse then nothing; for in Apostacy and wicked policies, he did equalize and imitate *Julian*, his treason was not unlike that of *Judas*,

*das*, and for his Heresies he far exceeded *Novatus*; the one being exectable, the other unparallel'd, and the last damnable.

In his infancy he was by his Father brought up near *Foy*, the place of his Birth, in *Cornwal*; his indulgent Parents had him frequently Catechized in the Fundamentals of the Protestant Religion, or Church of *England*, kept him strict to the hearing of Common Prayers by our Liturgie commanded, both for public and private duties, and had him bred up in a School of good Nurture, where he profited much in Moral Precepts and Learning, untill he was sent from thence to the University of *Cambridge*, and

there was admitted into *Jesus* Colledge.

But his former Education not being sanctified, nor the name of *Jesus* setting a limit to his boundless liberty, to which he was remarkably inclined from his Cradle, and was so overswaied by that *vitiositas hereditaria qua neutraliter aversi sumus omni bono; & ad omne malum propensi*, that hereditary evill whereby we are averse to that which is good, and prone to sin, that neither the Word of God, nor the Works of God could deter him from impiety, till he became altogether independent to the will of God, *quasi privatus gratia Dei*, as having lost the favour of God, through affective ignorance,

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he precipitates himself to evil practices, making good what had been spoken of him in former Ages by the Devil and his Confederates, That a Chicken should arise out of the West, which should flye over all *England*, and do much harm to most men;

A Chicken ! He was a Cockatrice or Basilisk, whose eyes were pestiferous to all men; nay, to himself at the last. There the torrent of an over-weaning conceit of his own Genius, made him addicted to, and guilty of libelling, untill he smarted for it, for his lashes were repaid with lashes; *durus sermo*, an hard saying, to physick the tail to cure the tongue; that *virgula di-*

vina, divine rod, could not  
reduce him;

*Quo semel est imbuta recens  
servabit odorem,  
Testa diu,———*

This Casket of counterfeits,  
retains the scent of his first  
seasoning, till at the last his  
irreluctancy made him more  
obdurate and irrefragable to  
the Civil Government of that  
Collegiate Society; *Consuetudo  
peccandi tollit sensum peccati* :  
custom of sinning takes off  
the sense of sin; and least he  
should become exemplary to  
tender judgments, was ex-  
pulsed the University.

Now he being delivered o-  
ver to a careless life, least his  
bread be that of sorrow, and  
his cloathing dishonor and po-  
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verty, he having no way left him to subsist by, like an English *Gusman*, resolves upon ingenious shifts, for that he ever delighted more in wit than grace, till at last, forgetting his abstraction from an Orthodox Minister (his Father) and the place of his late matriculation, the said Universitie, after his two years residence were thus nigh finished, he as an Exile hastens to *London*, in assurance to finde therein men of his temper, with whom he might associate and solace himself, and in a short time fitted him for the life of a Stage-player in a common society, from whence after venting his frothy inventions, he had a greater call to a higher promotion; namely, to be the

Jester (or rather a Fool) in *Shakespears* Company of Players : *Omne simile est appetibile sui similis*, every like desires his like : There he so long sported himself with his own deceivings, till at last like an Infidel Jew, he conceived preaching to be but foolishness, and time spent in Gods House to hear his Oracles, was a means to destroy his, and his complices vain recreations.

And so it proved with him ; for in a short time after going on the Lords Day to hear one Doctor *Dee* preach at *S. Faiths* Church, that he might have a Subject to sport himself with, instead of finding occasions to deride learning, that learned *Nuntio* powerfully pressing to the Conscience the burden  
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of the Law, and hainousness of sin, like another *Felix* he was smitten with a horror of Conscience for his guiled sins, which he had so seemingly extenuated, and thereby he became almost a Convert; Oh then *quam fœlix Evangelizare*, How welcome are the glad tidings of the Gospel? He thus well nigh engulfed in despair, *Lex lumen & dictamen est rectæ rationis in intellectu*, the Law is a light and dictator of right apprehensions in the understanding: He deserts his companions and employments, and retiring to his Chamber neer *Fleet Conduit* in *London*, continues there between hope and despair for one whole year and more: But that he and others of his conviction might ex-

experimentally *finde quod Deus est pater & fons misericordiarum*, God is the father and fountain of mercies; nay, God is an inexhaustible treasury of mercies, though Christ be his Cabinet wherein he hath shut up all his Jewels, that there is no sin so foul that mercy cannot hide, nor any degree so desperate, as that God cannot redeem from it, he gives him a further taste of his goodness, and earnest penny of mercy, so that I may say, *O admiranda charitas, & chara tranquillitas, quam investigamus ex gratuita Dei misericordia*; wonderful love and much desired peace, wherewith we are invested out of the free mercy of God; his mercy rejoyceth more in our Salvation than his Justice

Justice doth triumph in our confusion, it being his inseparable property to be found ever giving, forgiving and forgetting; forgetting injuries offered to the sacred eyes of his glory, forgiving sins, and giving gifts and graces to sinners for the life of grace, and interest them in the life of glory; his suffering growing occidental, the night of his heaviness thus drawing to an end, the day of his rejoycing began to dawn.

A Gentleman living neer *Malden* in *Essex*, then a Lodger in the same house, hearing of his distemper, as it well became a Gentleman to foster Learning, and shew remorse, enquires of his parts and education, and thereby concludes him

him a fit person to be settled in a Free School of 24 l. *per annum*, then void in that County, and at his disposal.

The proffer thereof was no sooner made unto *Peters*, but he presently and thankfully accepts of it, concluding it a testimony of God's mercies yet reserved for him; But these proved to be but hypocritical expressions, as most of his actions were; *Simulata sanctitas duplex iniquitas*, a counterfeit holiness is a double impiety: For after some applause amongst the Vulgar, and *Peters* pence were hoarded up, he falls into a Tympanie of pride, and then *Ephesian-like*, the vain-glory of the one made him forget his God, and the value of the other to muzzle himself in



a heedless neglect of that love he found in his late recovery; so that his lusts over-poising him, and his lucre raising him to a high esteem of his worthless worth, he feigns himself a Suitor, or rather a politick Servant to one Mistris *Read* a Widow woman dwelling neer unto him, (though she was famous for her excellent endowments, and had made liberal contributions to cherish him in the ebb of his fortune, had children, and an estate of two or three hundred pounds yearly) he neglects no opportunities to ensnare her by captivating of her to satisfy his burning desires, and insatiable thirstings after her person and estate.

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(in which he was well versed by his former employment in the Playhouse) and enticing glances passing from him at several times, thereby to hint to her his Design, they were received to be but as jocular Discourses, concluding with her self that such a Pedantick Peasant durst not clothe him with so much Impudency as to esteem himself worthy of her Vertues, or prove so bestially ingrateful, as to requite her former charities with an attempt of her dishonour and ruine; thus would she always bury them in a scornful silence, and heedlessly neglect them; untill at the last he one morning finding her Chamber door open, and she sickly in her bed, he with confidence (or rather

ther impudence) entred the Door, and pretended a friendly visit; but sitting on the Bed-side, did at last cast himself upon it and clasped her in his arms; at which a Confederate of his, formerly fitted for the design, was by a private sign summoned into the Chamber, where finding them thus contesting, he saluted them with a *God give you joy*: Then presently both he and *Peters* publish it that they were both bedded together: Her modestie was such, and her reputation like to be traduced in publike; to salve all, she *citra voluntatem*, against her will, unwittingly condescended to a clandestine Marriage, though it was far above his merits, and much beneath her vertues: but this forced

forced love not being real, or sincere on either part, it brought upon them both that plague of contention which is usually the Harvest of such Marriages: Both being by the clamours of the Countrey forced to live in *London*, their estate is thereby much impoverished, and they inclining to necessity: he having within himself some gleanings or relishes of a Church Oeconomy, after some overtures of preferment were made unto him, should he take holy Ordes on him? He resolved to dissemble what he ever loved, and lived by, even Schism and Sedition; *Schismaticus communionem Christianum abruptit*, a Schismatick is he that breaks off all Christian community; a conviction and  
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conversion being pretended, and authentick Certificates framed on his behalf, he had (by the Intercession of some Friends) an access to Doctor *Mountain* then Lord Bishop of *London*, and was by him amongst others ordained Priest and Deacon, he taking the Oath of Allegiance and Supremacy, and vowing that *votum morale, & religiosa pollicitatio* eternal Vow, and religious Enggement (in the presence of God and the great Congregation) *viz.* Canonical obedience, *in rebus licitis & honestis* in things lawful and honest, sealing the sincerity of his heart herein by receiving the Sacrament, and thus becomes an Hypocrite upon record, and in mans account, when as all

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oathes and vowes should be taken *sano iudicio*, with a right understanding, as well as *libera voluntate*, a freedom of the will, that they prove not to be arbitrary, as it is frequently urged by the Schismatics of these times.

He having thus, like an old dog Fox, gotten into the Vineyard to destroy the tender grapes, he bends his studies to become popular, and finds it both pleasing and profitable so be applauded amongst the female sex, not forgetting that the weakest judgements were soonest corrupted, and the womens hearts once dissolved, would soon be cast into his mould: They cry him up so loud, that his name doth  
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eccho over all the City, and his friends grew numerous, in-  
 somuch that one of the great-  
 est Parishes, St. Sepulchers,  
 must be assigned for his Sea,  
 to inveigh and act against that  
*Perpetua Ecclesia Novi Testa-*  
*menti Gubernatio & inspectio,*  
 That perpetual Government,  
 and overseeing of the Church  
 of the New Testament, Epis-  
 copal Government: for there  
 he continued a Lecturer near  
 twenty years; and here of a  
 Protestant turnes Independant  
 dependant, persisting in his  
 Apostacy to his former vow,  
 still adhering to his effeminate  
 Flock, and pleasing the wo-  
 men especially of that Parish;  
 more especially the Butchers  
 wife, but most especially the

Vintners wife at the signe of the Goat ; so that he could at pleasure command ordinary flesh for his paunch, the Goats flesh for his cat, with the best wine into the bargain.

But he being detected, was prosecuted by the one at the Law, and by the other at club Law, till he found it fatally true, That he must needs go whom God leaves, and the di-vel drives ; and so he provides and ships himself for *Rotterdam*: *Sic transit Hugo*, thus vaniseth *Hugh*.

But this Gadarene having thus brought his hogs to a fair market, and rendred himself scurrilous upon record, as appears by the Registry of *Londons* Diocess, will not part with



with his *Dalilabs* at so cheap  
 arate; nay, his Hugonots of  
*England* were so bewitched  
 with his confident assertions,  
 That he was enforced only to  
 escape the tyranny of Episco-  
 pal Government, that they  
 sighed at the loss of such a pre-  
 cious villain (a precious one  
 indeed, that made no consci-  
 ence of breaking his oathes,  
 performing his vowes, nor sup-  
 porting the dignity of his fun-  
 ction, but makes a shipwrack  
 of all these) though their wives  
 had greater cause to lament  
 their loss of him than their hus-  
 bands had.

So that as he had them at  
 his beek, he must receive from  
 them some tokens of love,  
 which was seen in their liberal

contributions gathered for his voyage ; then many prayers must be set up for this Jebusite.

But observe the issue. *Peters* now arriving at his wished *Canaan*, the Land of Promises, is triumphantly received into the sanctified parlour of *Rotterdam*, and there welcomed with kisses of the holy. *O quam jucunde & honeste !* O how sincerely and honestly ! But nature having the predominance in him, far exceeding grace, he not able to wash himself of his black spots of lying and whoring, falls to his wonted practices ; that as he had obtained his Ordination by lying, and belying the holy Ghost, avowing his call to that function

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on to be from heaven, he follows his old Trade of lying, for that that trick never failed him, but once at the *Old Baily* in *London*, being the day of his Tryal and sentencing to death.

The Pastor of that Congregation was at that time one *Thomas Bartlet*, a Doctor of Physick, and an English man, who lived plentifully by their voluntary contributions, and maintained his wife and diverse children in an handsom equipage.

This morsel made *Peters* his teeth water, and having according to his old wont, an evil eye upon other mens welfare; to wreath himself into this settlement, he first be-

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comes acquainted with this  
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*Tuta frequensque via est per a-  
mici fallere nomen,  
Tuta frequensque licet, sit via  
crimen habet.*

*A safe and easie way it is by  
friendship to deceive,  
As safe and easie as it is, 'tis  
knavery by your leave.*

Thus like a second *Fannus*,  
having two faces under one  
hood, a *Magus* with two  
tongues in one head, or a *Fu-  
das*, bearing two hearts in one  
breast: to squeeze *Bartlet* out,  
and wind himself in, a scandal  
must be forged against *Bartlet*,  
then will his familiarity prove  
*Bartlets*

*Barilets* ruine, for these aiery Spirits are so volitile in their good estimation of all men, that they are as changeable in this, as in maintaining their Moonshine Doctrine: and are as easily induced to believe a lye, as they are seduced to lying opinions.

This Conventicle concludes both these collapsed brethren to have been of pristine acquaintance, and therefore do easily lend an eare to their reports, especially that of him, who could best glaze it over with religious phrases, and present it in that shell of a desire of Goodnesse and Holinesse.

Thus these Brethren began to grow into competition;  
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then *Hugo* a Master of Art in that of lying, impeaches *Bartlet* of Bigamy, and impudently affirms, That he had a wife in *England*, as well as that with him. Nay, *Hugo*, forgetting his own shame and adulteries, to prevent any obstructions, whispers it abroad amongst his Gossiping crew, who takes it for an Oracle, as coming from the mouth of a godly, zealous and honest Divine, viz. Religious Mr. *Peters*. God ha' mercy Parson, of all knaves, none like a Priest knave.

This Physick wrought so pathetically with these squeezy stomacked Christians, who are apt to surfeit at any other mans failings, that it made them  
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them spew out *Bartlet*, and *Peters* as an immaculate man, must be setled in his stead. A blessed Reformation, and no doubt, but many of that Gang might find good content thereby, as the wife of one *Franklin*, an English man, keeping a Victualling house in that City did commonly find; for *Hugo* found no lile like to Lechery, being it produced him there also, as well as in *Smithfield* in *London*, both meat and money; and in that Lying and Whoredome proved so profitable and pleasing to him, he becomes as devoted to it, as the Hart to the Tamarisk, who will not be beaten from it: nay, the Butcher, the Vintner, nor the Victualler shall beat him  
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into better manners, for that he was as senceless, as sensual; though Mr. *Franklin* might have spared some stripes for Country sake, and some for Religion sake) but it seems in that company like Priest like people, *pares cum paribus facillime congregantur*, equals do easily agree with their equals, they are liable to correction, and I wish that those houses were well furnished with such Arras.

Thus his Minion after a surfeit of his being too chargeable to her box, to preserve the good esteem her Husband had of her, (for Cuckolds are soonest deluded, and most contented) as also to have some other sport for her monie, she acquaints



quaints her Husband of *Peters* his frequent attempts made to beat up her quarters; at which *Franklin* grew zealous for a Conference with this Pastor, and observing at his next coming that he had his former appetite, entertained him onely with Crabtree sauce, and of that gave him his belly full.

But in fear of worse punishments he falls distracted, and so continued for neer three years; after his recovery he had a Miscellany of judgments following him; for he had the head of a Fox, the heart of a Crocodile, the back of an Ass, the reins of a Goat, and the claws of a Vulture : Of a Fox, subtilly contriving mischief

chief undiscernable. Of a Crocodile, destroying whole Families, and then dissembling sorrow for their ruines. Of an Ass, infatigable in bearing reproaches. Of a Goat, sparing no woman in his lust. Of a Vulture, few men escaping his claws. Nay, an *Anthropophagos*, devouring, shall I say, whole houses, nay Parishes, yea Counties at once: Witness his Monuments in *Wales*, which shall be spoken of hereafter.

This subtil sheep having again appeared amongst his little ones, is reputed to be a scandal or offence to the Lambs, in regard of his backsliding at *Franklins*: But least the wicked ones should make them also a word of reproach, they'l  
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clap their ears to their heads,  
(I had almost said horns) and  
to set an end to all controver-  
sies about him, they raise a  
stock of 500 l. and *Hugo* must  
be intrusted therewith as their  
Factor for *New England*, from  
whence they longingly expect-  
ed the product for many years,  
but it lay in *Hucksters* hands,  
and was never accounted for,  
until the happy farewell, or  
direful *Catastrophe* at *Charing-  
Cross*: who can without amaze-  
ment consider the presumption  
of this Miscreant, in commit-  
ting himself to the mercy of  
the merciless seas, when after a  
shipwrack of his conscience, *ela-  
ta manu*; with an high hand, nei-  
ther the terrors of death, which  
might suddenly surprize him  
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in his sinful resolutions, acted *destinato concilio*, with an undaunted resolution, nor the judgments of God to which he was lyable, could civilize this Propagator, but as an Instrument preserved to ripen his sins, *Peccatum perpetrans scienter & volenter*, wittingly and willingly filling up the number of his sins; or for a more shamefull end, he resolves a further *Precipice* of himself into uncleanness, earnestly doing and allowing of the erroneous courses of man, though they tend to death, till he becomes *anathema maranatha*, accused: After his arrival into *New England*, he like a Dog falls to his old vomit, for having buried his first Wife, marries another, who

who by his ill usage proved as mad as himself, and had issue which doth *patrisare & matrisare*, the reason in nature is, *partus sequitur ventrem*, then as he grew popular, so he grows rampant, untill severall Excommunications were issued out against him for you know what, that had he not been protected by the Presbyterie of that Country, he had received his desert there, and prevented *Dun* in *England*, and saved his Daughter the charges of so many crammed Capons, and bottles of Sack wherewith she cherished him in *Newgate*, after his tryal and condemnation : Now of an Independent he becomes a Presbyterian, *an aliquid nihil*, or a *quid non*, a something,

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thing, a nothing, and what not? or he would not lose a hair for Religion, nor any wise man give him one for his honestie.

The Classial Clergy there finding him fittest for their design, to stir up a Commotion in *England* they ever delighting to fish in troubled waters, do give him his Mission, with their benediction; where finding a Parliament according to their desires, like another *Masaniello*, he answers their *Chorus*, and cries also King and Parliament.

Thus taking his part from that ill-tuned Quire, he roars it up and down the Citie and Country, yet driving at the destruction of King, Parliament, and People: That as he  
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was the Patron of Blasphemies, the Patriot of Rebellions, and Mirror of all Apostates and Impostors, so was he the quintessence of cheating ; nay, all the wit in *London* could not espie him until he had jugged their Plate with the Bodkins and Thimbles into *Guild Hall*, and that he might be more capable of imployment, and seem less criminal, he utterly disavows his Ordination or Consecration by Bishops, *qui ius vocationis habent*: who have the right of ordination. Thus hardning his heart, & left to that *privatio gratia assistentes*, loss of preventing Grace, he was hoodwinked and subjected to that *ipfissima excœcatio & induratio*, that superlative blindness & hardness

of heart, which rendred him incapable of timely repentance; *sera pœnitentia raro vera*, late repentance is seldome found.

That he might not become vagrant from his first undertakings, he composes Canons to walk by :

The first is, To admire and flatter the Gentry :

The second is, To delude and blinde the Commonaltie :

The third is, To excite and cherish the Souldiery.

This is done, by applauding the one, Lying to the other, and Preaching to the rest, telling them, That they gained Martyrdome, and carried Jesus Christ in their Knapfacks; as if knavery rather then conscience



science, Pratling rather than Preaching, and Rebellion rather than Religion, were most fitting for Gods Oracles.

Thus after some time, *England* whose hills were like *Sion*, whose woods like *Lebanon*, and valleys like *Eden*, was become a *Golgotha*, a place of skulls, a grave, *O quam dira cano*. Oh what sad things do I relate.

The Sophistry he used to understand his company, and that none might escape him, was first to endeavor to find their conscience in point of Allegiance and Church Disciplin, not valuing their tenents in point of Doctrin; for he hovered several hereticks of all sorts, though blasphemous or damnable; nay, his religion

consisted only of bloud and benefit. He would defend opinions contrary to his own fained heresies, till he found them zealous in their assertions; if disliked he would by threats, perswasions, large profers of pre ements, endeavor to alienate their affections, and become his proselytes; nothing therein to be done, more than to confound them in their judgements, and that either speaking in the general (*Schismatici versantur in universalibus*, Schismaticks speak alwaies in general termes) or new coined phrases, or proposing Gods glory to the end of his design.

Were he detected, he would destroy all by railings, denying  
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ing his words, friendly professings, mixt with jeerings and appealing to God to witness the contrary.

Were you once his captive, he spares no manner of insolency to subdue you, ride you as an asse to your final ruine: He minded neither good nor evil as he ought; for all the wiles of men could not engage him to promise any thing, neither would he in familiar conference or serious discourse, speak really as he thought with himselfe; for that he had studied to delude, and would almost confound an *Oedipus* to unfold the riddle of his heart, being matchlesse and boundlesse herein, until our meeting at the *Old Baily*.

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He thus armed *Cap-à-pe* with mischievous resolutions, and horrid principles, resolving to join himself unto *Baal-peor*, and eat the sacrifices of the dead, sets himself to war; against whom? his God, his King, his Country, his Kindred and his Conscience, where *Febu*-like, he satiates himself with blood.

But to regain the character of a well-affected and zealous Christian, he joins himself unto the Scottish interest, marches into *Ireland* with the Lord *Forbish*, where he leaves him engaged, and then for *England* with a packet of lies of his great sufferings for Gods Cause and theirs, which in few years proved an old cause, yet died in  
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its infancy, or swathing  
cloaths.

A Comical, scurrilous, malicious, oftentimes blasphemous manner of Preaching and Praying was frequently and publickly used, thereby to set out his name and zeal, that herds of ignorant people might crowd to observe his insolencies, though few can repeat one sound orthodox Sermon of his, save that of his death, which preached good tidings to many people. As some for such actions had no ears, so this Pharisee had many eares: He had one for the Independent, another for the Presbyterian; one for the the Anabaptist, another for the Atheist, but none for the Protestant, were the Image of  
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God never so well stamped in him; forsooth he was Kingly affected, and I am sure the other was knavishly.

Could you but sympathize with him in d'sloyalty, you might easily espy him; for he and his complices tended all to one center, To d'stroy the King, the Government, and Lawes, and set a Castle in the aire of their own building, under another *John of Leyden*, or *Knipperdoling*.

To insinuate himself into the favour of this Convention he would (after he had iscerned the temper of some selected ones) sympathize with them in their dispositions, languages and designs, until by his tawnings and religious phrases, with  
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remorseful expressions he could deceive them, so as to reckon him amongst the religious, and be a Licentiate to ride them like Asses.

For which cause he becomes their Post-priest, as well as their Divinity Jester at *White-hall*, and the Committee boards: only Mr. *Peters* his News were recked for authentick, and registred as Oracles, witness the many Fittie pounds given him for this postage, which made him often aver, *That he had rather be supplanting in Old England, then planting in New England.*

The sword brandishing abroad, and the nation beginning to smother, its time for *Hugo* to blow the fire, that he might

might warm himself with the spoils of the Land ; none so perswasive to engage in wars and blood as he ; yet he was always sick at the time of fighting, for that cowardise is the fruit of a sad Conscience and a bad cause. Nay, he valiantly deserted *Essex*, at his being impaled in *Cornwal*, and told his Masters at *Westminster* a ramping lye, and that *gratis* , That the Kings Forces were a terror to themselves.

Two Obstacles were grievous unto him, The Book of Common-Prayer, and Bishops; for he would often quarrel at these without a cause, unless for that one maintained Order, and the other had questioned him for disorder ; *Divide & impe-*



ra Divide and rule, was his Gospel Rule unill he had brought all into confusion; he could not set up his *Babel*, having sowed the Darnel of liberty, by himself, and other his penny Gospellers, that his tongue might go throughout the earth, *Psal.* 73 9 He moves it to the Parliament, that he might be their *Mercury into Holland*, for assistance and counsel to underprop their grand Design; their President was his precept, *mala locutio inficit animas*, evill words corrupt good manners: Now of their merry Knave, he is their private Councillor, and to this end is dispatcht away with much privacy; he desiring the contentment of men, rather than God, of nature,

ture, rather than grace; having  
 cloathed himself with cruelty  
 as with a garment, like another  
*Mephistophilus* returns with  
 this Malumetan reply; That  
 'it would be good for them to  
 'seize the King, bring him to  
 'Justice, set him to death, and  
 'settle a Common-wealth a-  
 'mongst them here in *Eng-*  
 '*land*, expecting to run through  
 'many difficulties as they had  
 'done.

This spark of Fire kindled  
 presently amongst the lighter  
 Tinder, and a consideration  
 must be vored to deny the  
 charge of this *Hobson*, who che-  
 rished their hearts by his mes-  
 sage, for it proved welcome ti-  
 dings to many people, especially  
 the 14 Tanners in *Olivers* little  
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sucking Parliament that dyed  
in the birth : For that pur-  
pose 300 *l. per annum* out of  
the Lord of *Worcesters* Lands,  
in the Wouds of *Worcester-*  
*shire*, is appointed to be the  
lot of his inheritance; *Malaparta*  
*malè dilabuntur bona*, ill got-  
ten goods are ill spent; discount-  
ing the 8000 pair of Holland  
sheets which he zealously  
preac'ed for in *Holland*, to  
make shirts for their Army of  
precious ones, and Sains in  
*England*, with the Butter,  
Shirts, Shooes, and Bacon,  
which he had cheated about  
*Bristol*, to a considerable va-  
lue : *dulcis odor lucris*, O how ac-  
ceptable is gain ! He love *Dia-*  
*na* as wel as a fair Nymph, and  
to shew he is *aliquis in omnibus*,  
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something in all, he is int  
comparatively a **Sycophant**  
to the prevailing part of the  
**Armie**, of which **Sect** soever,  
though firm to none, nothing  
coming amiss save onely his  
wives Nurse for aliment Mo-  
nies to support her in the Bed-  
lam he built for her neer *Mar-*  
*row-bone* Park. Should any  
shadow of peace appear, he had  
his inferiour order of Angels,  
*Love*, *Dell*, *Marshal*, *Market-*  
*man*, who by prating, preach-  
ing, and rayling should obstruct  
it, and that shall be backed by  
him with false scandals, treaso-  
nable surmises against **King**,  
**Queen**, and **Princes**; Religi-  
on must be made a **Note of**  
**Wax**, sound Doctrine held for  
**Popery**, and all Order termed

as Antichristian ; when we know that Order is the good of every creature ; nay, there is an Order in Hell, for *Beelzebub* is called the Prince of Devils ; so that they are worse then Devils that will have no Prince ; Such was this Traitor, who gloried in the Pallace-Yard , during the Usurpation of the Committee of Safety ; saying, *Can we but keep up our Armie, the line of the Stuarts shall never rule here more, neither shall we need to fear yong C. S. or any King to rule over us.* Nay, to extenuate his guilt in the judgement of the sordid Vulgar, he asperges the King and Royal Progenie, and bedirt their transcendent honour, by raising such rumors

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of them as no modest tongue dares utter, nor loyal heart believe. *Parentum mores non sunt arguendi*, we are not to dispute the conditions of our parents.

The Princely Issue must be designed for Apprentiships, and to be fed like children.

Nay, his advice to his Confederates was to work their imprisonment, and then he conceits that he by his preaching could animate the Armie to prepare slaughter for the Kings children; witness his Invective at S. *Margarets in Westminster*.

But *Essex* his Honour being laid in the dust, and *Fairfax* (as he conceits) remaining the next man to the Crown, though

though God had preserved the Royal seed for his own garden, he becomes his *Achitophel*, then lifts himself Chaplain in pay to six Regiments, which he continued for several years: *Harrison* and the rest of the Collonels being his Surrogates or Officials, whilst he officiated as their Vicar General.

This Scene drawing towards an end, the Trumpets sound in *Oliver* the Actor, *Ireton* the Scribe, *Harrison* the Prolocutor, *Cradock* the Fool, *Vavasor* *Powel* the Post-priest, *Desborough* the Clown, *Jones* the Sy-cophant, *Pride* the Devil, *Whaley* the Turkie Merchant, and *Peters* the Pander.

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the government, *Oliver* like *cauda Draconis*, the Dragons tail, arising in our **H**orizon with stinking vapours which did corrupt the spirits of many; for *qualis aer, talis spiritus*, as is the air, such is the temper of the spirit; looks smiling on this pimp *Peters*, who had pimped for him many years, avowing him to be a second *Moses*, & one walking as close to **G**od as ever *Joshua* did: **N**ay, *Oliver* observing his temper to be unchangeable, and that he continued religiously villanous, popular, active, impudent, and an abyss of Treasons, doth sympathize with him, till at last they become to be both of one heart, one soul, one minde, and one voice; onely whilst Monies are to be disbursed



disbursed for Medalls for the Officers of the Army ( as Prognosticks, or Favourers of *Fairfax* his dying power ) he solicites to be principal in the disbursment, and thereby gains opinion of the Officers, and neer 1500 *l.* for himself: For as he spared no Woman in his lust, (witness the Bastard he had by his Neece at Master *Bakers* House in the Strand) so he being as mercenary, as mischievous, served no man without a considerable gain, though he was reall to none but himself, yet failed in that at last.

*Fairfax* now becomming a tiry Nurse, *Peters* is adopted a Foster child to *Oliver*, whose soul thirsted for the same blood ever since his eldest Son was

hanged at Tyborn for murder.

The King discomfited and his Host all dispersed, and he taking the Scottish Army for an Asylum; this High Priest endoctrinates that Samaritan *Fairfax*, to buy the King at a price from that *Judas, Lesley*; which sounded well in the Commons House, and then the bargain was stricken, and the purchasers engaging to make him a glorious King. And so they did, for he died a Martyr, signing the truth of his Declaration for the Protestant Religion with a full effusion of his Royal blood, purchasing his Subjects liberty by his often imprisonments; and vindicating the rites and privileges

ledges of his free Parliaments according to the fundamental Laws of this Nation; he patiently and piously undergoing the stroke of death: thereby attesting *in facie cæli*, before the eye of Heaven, to the glory of God, his Subjects honour, and his enemies terror, that as he loved his Subjects, so he died for their sakes.

But though the Parliament pay the monies, the Soldiers keep possession, and conduct him to *Merods-Hall*, *Holmby-House* where *Peters* like a High Priest of these *Jewes* must confer with him to find what evil he had in him; and though he found him fraught with honour and conscience, yet his *Isma-*

elitish tongue must bedirt him; for that he had not the art of speaking truth, being so long conversant in that of lying and traducing, and therefore reports the King to be neither for worth or education worthy the office of a Justice of peace; though Heaven and earth could give him the lye for his pains: Nay his fellowtraytor *Marshall* did so admire his wisdom at the conference in *Caref-brook Castle*, that he did openly declare, he spake beyond all men that ever he heard speak, both for learning politick, divine, and moral.

See the dangers and consequences of Rebellion: when the Subject shall insult over Gods anointed, then ribbaldry shall

shall be accounted government:  
and God must with long suffering  
bear their insolence; which  
hath neither bound for time,  
person, nor rule, nor religion,  
wisdom, or justice in it. How-  
ever maugre all former Oathes,  
Protestations, Declarations and  
Covenants set up in Churches,  
to witness their intentions of  
Kingly government, and yield-  
ing obedience to the lawes of  
the land, as if they were in-  
tended to outface God, or  
make a mock of him; the Jew-  
ish part of the Army are  
prompted by *Oliver* and *Peters*  
to steal away the King from  
those that were but initiating  
Pharisees, and tottering in  
judgment and Loyalty, though  
some were instigated to destroy  
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him privately. *Ponit homo, disponit Deus*; Though *Haman* may insult over *Mordecai*, that intercedes for his people, yet may he be hanged for his labor: *Caveto*. Though rebellion make a man happy for a season, it ends in infamy. *Oliver, Ireton, Peters, &c.* were famous rogues; yet lie and die disgracefully: *Sic pereat Barrabas*, so let thine enemies perish O God.

The riot committed against the Kings person, and he privately hurried away by this giddy-headed multitude of rebellious Saints; the Parliament claims an interest in him, being theirs by a right of purchase: and finding *Oliver* and *Peters* the grand and prime suggestors of this unparallel'd conspiracy

spiracy, intended to arrest and attaint them; but the knavish part of the House giving notice thereof, like a *Gemini* of Traytors, they prepare themselves for an escape to *Cambridge*, but the weather proving hot, after hard riding, they halted about *Ware* in *Middlesex*, and entred into Counsel how to settle the Nation in peace; and in fine concluded that there was no way left for this, but to take the King and bring him to Justice, try him for his life, and cut off his head.  
*Hinc illa lachryma!*

To this the whineing Saint *Harrison*, and the rest of the quodled or perboyled Christians the Anabaptists say, *Amen*.

Then must his sacred person  
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be transplanted from place to place, from *Holmby* to *Sion*-house, where *Peters* and *Dell* conspire to pistol the King privately, but were detected; and by their impudent denying it, were enlarged thence to *Windsor* Castle; where he by his piety and patience, did so aggravate the malice of his enemies, *Oliver*, *Ireton* and *Peters*; that they held several private consultations at Mr. *Starkyes* house in *Windsor*, and *Colman-street* in *London* at a private house; there to contrive and act their treasonable murther; the resolve past he must be conveyed from thence to *Hampton-Court*, *Harrison* riding with him and upbraiding him to his face; but *Peters* riding



ding before him out of the Castle, cried, *Weell whisk him, weel whisk him, now we have him*: A patern of loyalty, one formerly a Captain for the Kings interest seizing *Peters* his bridle, said, *Good Mr. Peters, what will you do with the King? I hope you will do his person no harm*; that *Peters* might be *Peters*, he replyed, *He shall die the death of a Traytor, were there never a man in England but he.* But if the innocent must suffer, I pray you what would have become of *Peters* then, who was *so ore, opere & corde*?

The Captain forced to loose his hold of the reins by a blow given him over his band with *Peters* his Staff; this trumpeter of sorrow rides on  
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singing his sad note, *Weel whisk him I warrant you now we have him.*

From *Hampton-Court* he is deluded to pass the River, upon assurance of a Guard to rescue him; but thence he was violently carried to *Carisbrook-Castle* in the Isle of *Wight*, where many overtures of peace were there proposed unto him, but mischief or murder was the end of it: for their envy growing to a full ripeness, nothing remains unattempted to shew the contempt of him. There Martial must discourse with him, and all proved but a quible; *Scientia nullum habet inimicum prater ignorantem*, Learning is envied of none but the sordid ignorant. Yea, a private

Private Soldier is by *Peters* animated to seize the Kings breeches which lay on him in his bed, and to take thence a book out of his pocket, wherein was a List of his best and loyalest friends in *England*: this was done notwithstanding the King held it fast and earnestly importuned the Souldier to forbear prosecuting his wicked Treason; but he persisted to contend with the King until he had recovered it, not daring to offend Mr. *Peters*, who afterward had him rewarded with an Officers place in the Army; for the worst Traytor was the best subject; the veriest fiend their truest friend; and to be at enmity with the King, was to be at peace with them.

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The head thus perplext and in imminent danger, because *Peters* solicited to expedite his tryal, the body could do no less than sympathize with him in sorrow; and though the just and legal government of this Nation seemed to be in a dying condition, the members thereof give one groane more for their redemption, and by assuming armes to rescue their natural Prince from this usurped power, or redeem him from the jaws of these Lyons, by taking armes they set a stand to their bloody design, untill by a fatal blow they were enforced to silence, and to repine at his, and their unparallel'd subjection; the nation thus shewing they had  
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some life of loyalty yet left; *Peters* prepares for an escape to the Western Islands; but a calm appearing he shrouds himself under his old *Bramble*, *Oliver*, to protect him, and down he goes with him to *Wales*, where he left another Monument of his cruelty; for there one Lieutenant *Bartlet*, the onely surviving Son of Doctor *Bartlet* before men ioned, being Lieutenant to Colonel *Powels* Companie of Foot, and taken Prisoner at that unhappy overthrow of the Welshmen at *S. Fagans* in *Glamorganshire*, made his Address to *Peters*, presuming that he might receive civilities from him out of their former acquaintance at *Rotterdam*; and

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there as a pious and penitent Christian, makes *Peters* his Confessor, and gives him the account of his life spent, desiring Mr. *Peters* to pray with him to his God, and to intercede to *Oliver* for his life, which *Hugo* promised to do; but returning to *Oliver*, told him, he had left the yong man in a good condition, for he had reconciled his soul to God, and therefore it would be acceptable and well-pleasing to send him to the Lord now that he was ready for him; then forthwith he was shot to death.

Thus did he also with Duke *Hamilton* who rendred himself a Prisoner unto *Peters*, and assigned him all his Jewels, &c. upon condition of life, which  
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promised, and the goods possessed, he delivered him over to the *Martial* power to be put to death, and solicited for it.

This storm ended, on they go victoriously, encouraging themselves in their bloody resolutions, and hasten the King for *Whitehall*: Onely this by the way; the Souldiers were secretly admonished by Letters from *Peters* to exercise his admired patience, by upbraiding him to his face, and so it was; for having gotten him on board of their Boat to transport him, they would not afford him a Cushion to sit upon; nay, scarcely the company of his own Spaniel, but scoffed at him most vilely, as if to blaspheme

the King, were not to blaspheme God, who had established him to be his Vicegerent, our supream Moderator, and a faithful *custos duarum tabularum legum*, keeper of both Tables of the Law.

He being safely arrived at *Whitehal*, that they might the easier reach the Crown, they do with pious pretences, seconded with fears of declining, hoodwink their General *Fairfax* to condescend to this bloodie Sacrifice; whereas *O-liver* and *Ireton*, would appear only to be his Admirers and Spectators of the Regicide, by standing in a window at *White-hall*, within view of the Scaffold and the People; whilest *Peters* fearing a Tumult, dissembles



seemles himself sick at Saint *Jameſes*, conceiting that he might thereby plead *not guilty*, though -no man was more forward then he to encourage Col. *Axtel* in this action, and to animate his Regiment to cry for Justice against the Traitor, (for so he mostly called the King ) yea, with what triumphing insolence did he settle the chair of Fate for the King to sit in at his Tryal before the Court of High Injustice, thereby to satiate his thirstings after the innocent blood of him who like a Lamb yeelded to the slaughter.

This Tragedy ended, *Fairfax* must be cheated of his Command, and *Oliver*, *volenter*, *noleter*, enforced to accept

of the Triple Crown and Government of *England, Scotland,* and *Ireland*, Religion, Law, Militia, Parliament, Priests, and People: Thus *Exit Fairfax*; and enter *Oliver* with *Peters* his pimping Priest, who had prophesied unto him those things, and therefore is rewarded by becoming Clerk to his Cabinet Councils or Cabals; Nay, this notorious Publican cannot ask beyond his merit, though it be the final ruine of that Church to which he stood sworn in his Ordination, or of a Judge in the Prerogative Court, to be a Licenser, or stand impow'ed irresistibly to beat down all sound Doctrine, Discipline and Order, and introduce all Heresies, Schisms, and

and carnal villanies into this National Church.

That as he had enraged them to excise the head, so he might encourage them to perplex the members; and to this end strikes at the soul of the Church (the Clergy) for that there was no more plunder left in *England*, and his bag not full, and his desires that were insatiable as Hell, never crying enough, but a *quid dabitur*, he resolves to live by Sacriledg, and for his assistant calls to him *Harrison* that undiscernable propagator of the *Nigrum Evangelii*, the black Gospel: so that *Oliver* now contents himself with being their Solliciter; thus undertaking a spiritual warfare, he

from a Protestant to an Independent, and thence to a Presbyterian, lastly falls into apostacy; conceiving with *Julian* the best way to extinguish Religion, was to extirpate the Clergy, and that by sequestering their Tythes and profits, silencing and imprisoning them, and so bring all into an inevitable ignorance, and then to sow amongst them the darnel of heresie and schism as they had formerly sown the tares of sedition, of which much remains yet unweeded out amongst us; *proh dolor!*

But that they might exceed all Rebels of former and future ages, to fill up their violence and cup with blood, they satiate themselves with the blood

blood of the *English, Irish*, and at *Droghedah* and *Waxford*, drink a deadly draught, leaving there such monuments of cruelty, that succeeding ages will be hardly induced to believe that men should become so wolfish, as they were in those actions.

For at *Droghedah* they inhumanely massacred both men, women and children, three dayes after the seizure of the Town, though they were onely innocents that had secured themselves in the Gatehouse or Steeples, meerly to preserve them from the unmercifull usage of Souldiers, frequently practised upon all flooms of Cities or Forts, and heat of blood; conceiving that English

lish men would not forget the ancient honour of being mercifull, which for many years hath attended that heroick Nation; but being led by one who was insatiably thirsty for blood, and they, these spectacles of pity, enforced by famine to appear in the streets even in a peaceable manner; all relations for Countreys sake, Religion and Honour, was laid aside, and these famished Protestants were massacred in the Streets, their Childrens brains beaten out before the Parents faces, and then themselves enforced to undergo that cruelty.

Nay at *Waxford* having been thus entred into a merciless cruelty, they do expedite  
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their tyranny there; for having entred the town, they drove both men, women and children into the River, whose dead bodies lay so in heaps therein, that it did in a great measure stop the course of the River, and a passage might easily be made from the Key to the other side of the River, the dead lay so numerous intomb-ed in that River, as it was vauntingly related unto me by this *Peters* himself, several others of credit partaking of the History.

But *Peters* becoming rich with the plunder at *Waxford*, and affrighted with guilt, procures a command from *Oliver*, and is commissioned a Colonel; he undertaking to raise a  
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Regiment of foot, which must be sold over to their assistance in *Ireland*; and thus clothed with mischief, he comes for *Milford Haven* in *Wales*, sick, as in mind, so in body; but that was speedily cured, the other never.

For being sickly, he was by one Captain *Brandy* quartered at my house: 1. For that I was the only Physician known to him to reside in that County. 2. For the contiguity of my house, it being neer the River: and thus we first became acquainted. After his cure was finished, he remained there with his servants and horses for ten weeks, all upon free quarter; during which time, I had so endeared my self unto him,



him, that I could unlock the closet of his heart at pleasure, and by that means became so far his Confessor, that he did three several times some weeks distant, very soberly acknowledged to me the manner of contriving his late Majesties death, with many other sad relations of their wicked proceedings against him : nay he was so far from concealing this treasonable conspiracy, that he would relate it me whensoever I did ask it of him ; which made me tremble at the old Bayly to hear him *in facie curie*, in open Court, and in the presence of the Almighty to deny it, onely stubbering over his sin, saying such expressions might fall from him in his infirmity ; whether  
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he meant his fits of madness, or fits of a troubled conscience, I know not; but do believe, and that upon good grounds, it was rather in those of his conscience, than the former.

After his raising three companies and transporting them over to sale, he begins to observe the temper of that people; and finding many of them, especially the Gentry, thorough cowardice and want of sound principling in Religion, much inclining to a temporising, and the Clergy divided amongst themselves, though they were privately admonished then, of the imminent danger which was indeed against them; he there grew insolent, taking advantage of their division; he calls  
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to his assistance one *Samson Lort* of that County Esquire, who was in his actions a second *Pontius Pilate*, delighting in cruelty, and cloaking all with a pretence of love, religion and innocence.

This Second of his, so tympanizing with pride, that he was employed by so great a Favorite as *Peters*, was prompted by him, and would regard no Law, but act according to what he thought acceptable to *Peters*; witness his Warrants issued out to search for and attach the body of *Charles Stuart*, (for so he called his Majesty that now is) and to bring him before him to be dealt with according to Justice; and his Motto in his Colours, *No King,*

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*no Lords, we are engaged.*

But *Olivers* wife drawing Articles against *Peters*, and intending to exhibit them, for his long stay in that Country, and leaving her Husband in danger in *Ireland*: *Peters* upon notice given, doth with the assistance of his fellow Tyrant *Lorte*, contrive a way to settle a Congregational Church of their own invention, and that it might spread further there, calls into them one *Philip Fones* of *Swansey*, that called himself Collonel *Fones*; *quo warranto*, I have heard.

A Letter from this *Fones* was directed to *Peters*, desiring him, in his own, and *Cradocks* Name, to leave his advice how to drive on that great design  
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of propagating the Gospel in  
*Wales*.

To which *Peters* replied,  
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nisters without acception, and  
bring the Revenues of the  
Church into one publike Trea-  
sury, out of which must be  
allowed one hundred a year to  
six Itinerant Ministers to be  
selected to preach in every  
County: What with the fear  
of his being questioned, and of  
the Plague then increasing in  
that County: as also having  
engaged these two Sticklers  
to drive on their Antichristi-  
anism, fitted himself with a  
pious Plea for his delay; *Viz.*  
To settle Religion there: He  
hastens to *London*; yet could  
not baulk *Bristol*, but must  
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there, telling them out of the Pulpit, that he had been amongst the Heathen Welshmen, and found them fit for nothing, but to make Clappers for wooden Bells (meaning the Gallows) then tells them a Storie of *Puffs* in her Majestie, and so leaves them.

*Oliver* arrived at *London*; he sollicitates for impowring his two Trustees, *Lort* and *Jones*, with many others of the same Feather, and that by an Ordinance of Parliament, to drive on their miraculous propagation of the Gospel, who like two Champions insultingly strive to out-vie one another; *Asperius nihil est miserosi surgit in altum*, Set a Peasant on Horseback, and he will ride to, &c. bringing their poor Countrymen

men to that low Ebb, that many could be satisfied with a morsel of Tithe Cheese.

And thus must *Wales* drink off the cup of her confusion, though it was sugared with zealous pretences, and poysoned with Heresies and Schisms; she must be rendred as Heathenish, and these called Propagators of the Gospel; but to drive on the Trade of Tythe gathering, they set good bargains to their Adherents, and hire Beggars with such like, to observe the actions of the Clergie, allowing some eighteen pence a day for their good service, and all to be deducted out of the Revenues of the Church; the Ministers almost extirpated, and scarce a Sermon heard in sixty miles; *Fe-*

*roboam* like, thinking the worst of people good enough for the Lords service, they fill the vacancies with Cooks, Ranters, Taylors, Weavers, Shoomakers, Feltmakers, Stocking menders, Millers, Gingerbread-makers, Collar-makers, Carpenters, and Cheesvatmakers; onely one Academic, whose Name was *Stephen Young*, for that he bare a Partisan to guard the Scaffold, at the Martyrizing of our gracious King, and was an adopted Son to *Peters*, always calling him Father.

These must be content with such pittances as are allowed them by the propagators, rather playing at small game than sit out; and their Tenants or Sycophants become Farmers, though



though some of the propagatos lick their fingers, and carry away the sweetness of the profits, raising their poor fortunes thereby unto a considerable value, whilest *Harrison, Peters, Craddock, and Vavasor Powell* have the greater share of the booty : of this enough ; Here only I refer you for a full relation to a book entituled *Mercurius Cambo-Britannus*. This inundation had passed over *England* also, had not Colonel *Freeman*, my self and Mr. *Gunter* set a stand to their renewing of this Ordinance, to bring it universal throughout the Kingdom : and no man more sollicitous against us, and for this sacriledg, than *Oliver, Harrison* and *Peters* ; nay, *Peters* excelling them all, avowing

vowing before the Committee for plundering Ministers, that the Clergy were not worthy to keep a kennel of Dogs, or a dozen of Sheep.

And thus did he rule the roast amongst that rabble of Heresies, until Tumbledown Dick accepted of the Government, when perceiving God to smile upon this Nation with symptoms of his love; *Peters* fained himself mad at *Whitehall*, and there professeth himself to be Antichrist, and saith that he must shortly be destroyed; and so it fell out; for after I had exhibited the charge of High Treason against him, for conspiring the death of our Martyred King, he was taken in *St. Thomas* in *Southwark* in bed with a woman newly delivered of

of a child, and wife to the Blacksmith who deserted him ; and though he called himself *Thompson*, he was brought to the Tower, and thence to Newgate ; and though he had published a Pamphlet to vindicate his innocency, and in it calling the holy Majesty of God to witness, that he had neither head nor hand in acting or contriving the Kings death, he was by the testimony of a cloud of witnesses, found guilty, and condemned, and the Tuesday following executed at Charing-cross.

But to shew his end was as desperate as his life was abominable ; when several Ministers came to comfort him in Newgate, some hours before his death, and exhorting him to  
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lay hold upon Gospel Promises made to repentance: he replied, *What have I to do with them, seeing I am guilty of the blood of my King?* Then hearing the Bell ring, cried out, *Away away to Judgment, for the Trumpet sounds,* and so goes down the stairs, thence to the Gibbet, where he behaved himself more impenitent, not being able to pray, though intreated to it, he dying fullenly and desperately: that as was his Life, such was his End.

*Oh quam dulce mori, quam mors sit sola malorum*

*Terminus, & vite fons & origo novæ*

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